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24 Dec

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Admiral Arleigh A. Burke  
Chief of Naval Operations  
Department of the Navy  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Arleigh:

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officer to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Admiral  
[redacted] from the Board of National Estimates of this  
Agency. Admiral [redacted] has the highest of qualifications  
for this position and has advised me that he is prepared to accept  
it if he can be recalled to active duty.

As you doubtless know, the Board of National Estimates  
plays a key role in planning and producing National Intelligence  
Estimates; it is also my senior advisory staff in a broad range of  
substantive intelligence questions both military and nonmilitary.  
For more than ten years the Board has been served by distinguished  
men from a variety of professions and experiences. I have always  
tried to have on the Board one senior member from each of the  
three Military Services, not to represent the official views of his  
Service, which I get in other ways, but simply to bring sound mili-  
tary judgment to bear on all of our intelligence problems. The  
value of the National Estimates depends greatly upon the breadth of  
experience and maturity of judgment of the members of this Board.

I am sure that [redacted] would make a contribu-  
tion of the very highest order to the Board of National Estimates.  
Accordingly, I would greatly appreciate it if he could be recalled  
to active duty for an indefinite period at the earliest possible date  
and assigned for duty with the C. I. A. We would, of course,  
reimburse the Navy for all costs incidental to this action. I have

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spoken to Admiral Smedburg about this matter, and if you approve of [ ] recall my Director of Personnel will work out the necessary details with his office.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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NOTE FOR RECORD: Addressee copies forwarded to [ ] by Mr. STAT  
[ ] with the following note:  
"The Director spoke to Admiral Burke and [ ] about the attached letter on 24 December, and Admiral Burke suggested that it be delivered to Admiral Smedburg. The Boss has therefore asked that this be done by hand of Emmett Echols.  
"After Admiral Smedburg has read it, should he desire to make any changes, the Boss has agreed to rewrite it.  
/s/ J.S.E. 12/24/60"

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D/Pers advised letter delivered to Admiral Smedburg.*

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<b>TRANSMITTAL SLIP</b>		DATE 23 December 1960
TO: EO/DCI <i>gfr</i>		
ROOM NO. 221	BUILDING Administration	
REMARKS:		
<p>Jack:</p> <p>In accordance with your request, here is a first draft of a proposed letter to Admiral Burke about [redacted] s re-call to active duty. Emmett Echols, Sherman Kent and I have collaborated on it. However, inasmuch as you indicated that the Director would want to personalize the letter I have left it in draft form.</p> <p>If I can be of further help, please let me know. [redacted]</p> <p>LKW</p>		
FROM: DD/S		
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Admiral H. D. Felt  
Commander in Chief Pacific  
Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

Dear Admiral Felt:

25X1 Thank you for your letter of 9 December 1960 concerning [redacted]. It is indeed a pleasure to me to receive such a good report on one of my senior officers.

25X1 I appreciate your thoughtfulness in bringing to my attention [redacted] desire to attend the National War College for the 1961-1962 session. Our nominees for this course were selected in September 1960 and it is therefore too late to consider him for that session. We shall consider our nominations for the 1962-1963 session in September 1961 and will certainly include Colonel [redacted] name for consideration.

25X1 I would like to express again to you my appreciation for your words of praise for this officer.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles  
Director

Originator [redacted]

25X1 Director of Personnel

23 DEC 1960

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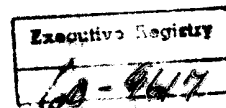
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HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF PACIFIC  
FLEET POST OFFICE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



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9 December 1960

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Mr. [redacted] has told me that [redacted] USA, his Deputy, will be departing this Command for reassignment in June 1961. [redacted] has mentioned that [redacted] has expressed a keen desire to be detailed by the Agency to the National War College for the school year 1961-62.

It is always a pleasure to be able to write a word of praise on someone. I desire to do so at this time. You, of course, are well acquainted with [redacted] who has been one of your senior hands on CINCPAC Staff during the past three and one half years. To me, the type of work [redacted] has been doing in this area is as important as any operation that we have. I attach major importance to this work and give it a great deal of personal attention.

In the two and one-half years I have been here I have had numerous occasions to talk with [redacted] and to see how he works. I doubt that it would have been possible to have anybody who displayed a greater degree of intelligence and patriotic cooperation than he has, while at the same time he was diligent in carrying out his own personal responsibilities in accordance with the mission assigned to him by you. I am sure that his attitude and work have been a major contribution to the overall effectiveness of our combined efforts in this very special and important activity.

I am confident that you will find him highly intelligent, skillful and diligent, and that his further career should be advanced to positions of higher responsibility and authority. I think that [redacted] nomination for the National War College would reflect great credit upon your organization and would further groom [redacted] for greater responsibility.

Sincerely yours,

*W. D. Hall*

Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
Director of Central Intelligence  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

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